

anniversary. It is an honor and a privilege to rise today on the floor of the United States Senate to recognize this institution's longevity and its role in preserving the history of Springfield and Greene County.

Some twenty-five years ago I was able to play a role in the founding of this museum while I was serving as Governor of Missouri. The Museum was then called the Bicentennial Historical Museum in honor of our Nation's 200th birthday. Over the years, the name has changed but the goal and purpose of the museum has remained the same, preserving the history and heritage of the city of Springfield and Greene County. History is our window to the past and helps us to remember just how far we have come as a nation and as a community. The museum contains permanent exhibits beginning with the earliest settlement in the region, continuing on through the Civil War, and into the twentieth century. The museum also changes exhibits throughout the year which examine other areas of Greene County's history.

The museum is a private, not-for-profit organization that is open to public at no charge. The museum is funded through private contributions, memberships, grants, and gift shop sales. The staff, management, and volunteers who operate this facility are to be congratulated for their tireless efforts and innovation which make the museum an important part of the community. The museum is an invaluable tool for students and teachers to learn the historical significance of the area.

The History Museum for Springfield-Greene County is a valuable asset to the Springfield area. I ask that the Members of the Senate join me in recognizing and honoring the twenty-fifth anniversary of the History Museum for Springfield-Greene County.●

NATIONAL ASSISTED LIVING WEEK

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today I draw the Senate's attention to National Assisted Living Week. The National Center for Assisted Living is sponsoring National Assisted Living Week this week to highlight the significance of this service and the hope that it can provide seniors.

Assisted living is a long term care alternative for seniors who need more assistance than is available in retirement communities, but do not require the heavy medical and nursing care provided by nursing facilities. Approximately one million of our Nation's seniors have chosen the option of assisted living in this country. This demonstrates a tremendous desire by seniors and their families to have the kind of assistance that they need in bathing, taking medications or other activities of daily living in a setting that truly becomes their home.

This year's theme of National Assisted Living Week is "Sharing the Wisdom of Generations," and it is in-

tended to recognize the value of sharing insights and experiences between assisted living residents, their families, volunteers and assisted living staff. I think that it is appropriate because it highlights the variety of options assisted living can provide to meet different needs of patients.

Oregon has led our Nation in the concept of assisted living. My State spends more State health dollars to provide assisted living services than any other in our Nation. Assisted living has taken different directions in different States, and I believe offering these choices for consumers is important to provide security, dignity and independence for seniors.

Assisted living will become even more important for seniors and their families as our nation experiences the demographic tsunami of aging baby boomers. It is important for us to continue to support options that allow seniors and their families a choice of settings in order to assure that they get the level of care that they need.●

CONGRATULATING LT. STEVE YOUNG

● Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I am honored to stand before you today and congratulate Lieutenant Steve Young, his family and friends on his well-deserved nomination as President of the National Fraternal Order of Police, FOP. As you may know, the 86 year-old Fraternal Order of Police is the world's largest organization of sworn law enforcement officers, improving the working conditions and advocating the safety of its 298,000 members in over 2,000 local lodges throughout the United States.

I am confident that with his 25 years of membership in the FOP and his current position as a Lieutenant in the Marion Police Department in my State of Ohio, Lt. Young is an outstanding choice to lead the National Fraternal Order of Police. Prior to being named National President, Lt. Young has proudly and effectively served as both National Vice President and Ohio's State President.

Further, he has become something of an expert in helping to ensure police officers' pension plans throughout the country. He also helped to create the Ohio Labor Council to improve the effectiveness of negotiations between management and labor in police forces, a model that has since been utilized in 14 other States.

I know that Lt. Young will use his new position to further ensure fair and equal treatment to our nation's true heroes, police officers, on the job and to expand the FOP's involvement throughout the Nation. I wish Lt. Young the best of luck and extend my congratulations to him once again here before Congress. I know he will do an excellent job.●

THE HEART FAILURE SOCIETY OF AMERICA

● Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, the Heart Failure Society of America (HFSA) is a non-profit professional organization headquartered in St. Paul, MN, that represents the first organized effort by heart failure experts from the Americas to provide a forum for all those interested in heart failure research and patient care.

Today, the Heart Failure Society of America is convening here in our Nation's capital with over 2,000 cardiologists, cardiac surgeons, internists, family practitioners, research scientists, pharmacologists, nurses, pharmacists and other allied health care professionals who treat heart failure patients for the HFSA 5th Annual Scientific Meeting. At this forum, preeminent professionals will unveil and review the latest developments in heart failure research and clinical practice.

Heart failure is a progressive condition in which the heart muscle weakens and gradually loses its ability to pump enough blood to supply the body's needs and is frighteningly common but underrecognized. Heart failure affects nearly 5 million Americans. As more people survive heart attacks and are being left with weakened hearts, heart failure is the only major cardiovascular disorder on the rise. An estimated 400,000 to 700,000 new cases of heart failure are diagnosed each year. The number of deaths in the United States from this condition has more than doubled since 1979, averaging 250,000 annually. In comparison, the death rate from coronary heart disease has dramatically dropped statistically over a similar time period. An estimated \$8 to \$15 billion is spent each year on the costs of hospitalization due to heart failure, which is twice the amount spent for all forms of cancer. While there is currently no known cure for heart failure, new treatment approaches may help patients live more normal and fulfilling lives and benefit from a decreased risk of hospitalization.

The HFSA was founded in 1994 by a small, dedicated group of academic cardiologists who recognized that heart failure was on the rise, but that there was no venue for researchers, trainees and clinicians to share ideas about combating the disease. We owe them a debt of gratitude for providing the impetus for exploring further research and treatment which might not otherwise have occurred. The Heart Failure Society of America is seen by government, industry and the medical community as the authoritative organization on heart failure. The Senate first commended the HFSA and its work in the area of heart failure in February of last year, designating the week surrounding Valentine's Day each year as "National Heart Failure Awareness Week." These medical professionals are dedicated to enhancing the quality and duration of people's lives.

We are pleased to welcome this group of distinguished individuals to Washington and recognize their extraordinary public service.●

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE DENNIS W. ARCHER

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge the achievements of an accomplished jurist, distinguished public servant and committed civic leader from my home state of Michigan, the Honorable Dennis Wayne Archer, Mayor of Detroit. On October 11, 2001, Mayor Archer will be inducted as a Knight of Charity by the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions (PIME Missionaries) at the 43rd Knights of Charity Award Dinner in Dearborn, Michigan. This award is a fitting tribute for a man who has dedicated his life to the service of others.

The Knights of Charity Award is presented each year to men and women who clearly exemplify "Unity in Family Life with Person-to-Person Charity." This award is given to those whose words and actions promote the ideals of charity, friendship, love and interfaith and intercultural collaboration.

Mayor Archer spent the first five years of his career teaching learning disabled students in the Detroit Public School system. During this time, Mr. Archer was also a student, studying and attending classes after work to earn his law degree. Mr. Archer quickly established himself as one of the finest legal minds in Michigan and in 1985 he was appointed Associate Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court by Governor James Blanchard. The next year he was elected to an eight-year term, which he served with distinction.

Elected Mayor of Detroit in 1993, Dennis Archer soon became known nationwide for the innovative approach he brought to city government. Nearing the end of his second year term, Detroit under the leadership of Mayor Archer has successfully reduced crime, balanced budgets, lowered taxes, improved public services and attracted over \$14 billion in new investment, with another \$3 billion projected for this year. Mayor Archer has received numerous honors in recognition of his achievement, including being named President of the National League of Cities in 2001, Public Official of the Year in 2000 by *Governing* magazine, one of the 25 most dynamic mayors in America by *Newsweek* magazine, President of the National Conference of Democratic Mayors and one of the 100 most influential Black Americans by *Ebony* magazine.

As a native Detroit, I can personally attest to Mayor Archer's leadership and his commitment to those he serves. Through his hard work, dedication and creativity, he has truly improved the City of Detroit and the lives of those who live there. I know that my Senate colleagues will join me in congratulating Mayor Archer on being named a Knight of Charity.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:51 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2833. An act to promote freedom and democracy in Viet Nam.

H.J. Res. 51. Joint resolution approving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment with respect to the products of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

At 5:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2133) to establish a commission for the purpose of encouraging and providing for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following joint resolution was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar.

H.J. Res. 51 Joint resolution approving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment with respect to the products of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-3646. A communication from the Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report for 2000 under the Government in the Sunshine Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3647. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Information Collection Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2001"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3648. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, a report entitled "Audit of the People's Counsel Agency Fund for Fiscal Year 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3649. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Reports, Testimony, Correspondence, and Other Publications for June 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3650. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase from People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of additions to the procurement list, received on August 15, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3651. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Correction of Administrative Errors; Lost Earnings Attributable to Employing Agency Errors" received on August 16, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3652. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Methods of Withdrawing Funds from the Thrift Savings Plan" received on August 16, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3653. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, a report entitled "Audit of the Public Service Commission Agency Fund for Fiscal Year 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3654. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commercial Activities Report for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3655. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase from People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of additions to the Procurement List, received on August 24, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3656. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, a report entitled "Comparative Analysis of Actual Cash Collections to Revised Revenue Estimates Through the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2001"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3657. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the lists of the General Accounting Office for July 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3658. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period beginning October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3659. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-127, "Approval of the Extension of the Term of the Franchise of Comcast Cablevision Act of 2001"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3660. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-129, "American Sign Language Recognition Act of 2001"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3661. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report